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Continuation of box 5:

The 112-2nd paragraph rejection has been withdrawn as the claims now have a last active step of detecting and identifying a bacterial species. Further antecedent basis has been corrected.

Continuation of box 11:

The request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons of record.

The response of 3/5/2008 has traversed the objection to claim 5, but presented no new arguments. The objection is thus maintained for reasons of record.

The response of 3/5/2008 has traversed the 102 rejection based on Huang and all the 103 which use Huang as a primary reference. The response asserts that deletion of the "functional fragments" from the independent claim has overcome the instant rejections. These arguments have been thoroughly reviewed but are not considered persuasive as the amended claims still recite, "complementary sequences." The final action of 11/5/2007 stated, "It is noted that the instant specification does not define or teach a specific percent identity required in a complement and thus a single nucleotide is sufficiently complementary." Thus Huang still anticipates claims 1-2 and 4 and in combination with the cite references renders claims 3, 5, 7-10, 13, 23 and 24 obvious by teaching of sequences that have at least one base that is complementary to the claimed SEQ ID NO.

The rejections thus are maintained.

Conclusions

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven C. Pohnert whose telephone number is 571-272-3803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-3:30.

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